

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF BELLSOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC DBA AT&T)	CASE NO.
KENTUCKY REQUESTING THE)	2017-00216
COMMISSION'S INTERVENTION IN)	
NUMBERING RESOURCES)	
DETERMINATIONS (NPA 502))	

ORDER

On May 23, 2017, Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Kentucky (“AT&T Kentucky”) filed a petition requesting that this Commission review and overturn a determination by the Pooling Administrator.¹ The petition was filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4), wherein the Commission is granted the authority to “overturn the NANPA’s [and the Pooling Administrator’s] decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies.”

In its petition, AT&T Kentucky explains that it has requested numbering resources associated with telecommunications services requested by a specific customer, Norton Healthcare, in the Louisville rate center located within the 502 Numbering Plan Area (“NPA”) in Kentucky. Norton Healthcare has requested 1,000 consecutive numbers to be

¹ The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) and the Pooling Administrator are independent non-governmental entities selected by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and are individually responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan and national thousands-block number pools, respectively. Neustar, Inc. is currently contracted by the FCC as both the NANPA and the Pooling Administrator.

used in the Norton Audubon Hospital to accommodate new offices, patient rooms, and nurse stations.

On May 18, 2017, AT&T Kentucky applied to the Pooling Administrator for the required numbering resources in the Louisville rate center.² The application process with the Pooling Administrator requires the submission of information used for a Months-To-Exhaust (“MTE”) and Utilization Certification Worksheet (“Worksheet”) pertaining to the affected rate centers.³ Based on the submitted information and resulting calculations, the Pooling Administrator concluded that AT&T Kentucky met neither the FCC’s MTE requirements of six months or less nor the utilization threshold requirement of 75 percent.⁴ Therefore, the Pooling Administrator determined that AT&T Kentucky’s requests for additional numbering resources should be denied.

The Pooling Administrator is not a policy-making entity. In making assignment decisions, the Pooling Administrator follows regulatory directives and industry-developed guidelines. The Pooling Administrator’s responsibilities are defined in FCC rules and in comprehensive technical requirements drafted by the telecommunications industry and approved by the FCC.⁵

² Current FCC rules require the evaluation of number utilization for the entire rate center before assignment of new numbering resources.

³ In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3), the MTE and utilization level are calculated by the Worksheet based on various inputs supplied by the applying carrier.

⁴ The NANPA/Pooling Administrator denied the applications due to the failure to meet the criteria in the rate center as described below:

<u>NPA</u>	<u>Rate Center</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Resource Requested</u>	<u>MTE Block</u>	<u>Utilization</u>
502	Louisville	(1) NXX-X	1,000 consecutive	2139.713	49.98%

⁵ See generally, 47 C.F.R. § 52.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4), this Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's determination if the requesting carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and that all other available remedies have been exhausted. The Commission finds that AT&T Kentucky has demonstrated a verifiable need for the assignment of numbering resources by presenting a request from a specific telecommunications customer, Norton Healthcare, for one thousands-blocks of 1,000 consecutive numbers to be utilized for the purpose of providing service within the Louisville rate center in Kentucky. AT&T Kentucky asserts that it does not have sufficient numbering resources available in the affected rate center, and due to the Pooling Administrator's denial of its application, AT&T Kentucky cannot provide service without the requested resources. The Commission further finds that AT&T Kentucky has exhausted all available remedies to the extent that no combination of existing numbering resources in the associated rate center can be employed to meet the need for one thousands-blocks of 1,000 consecutive numbers in the rate center.

This Commission finds that the Pooling Administrator's determination to deny AT&T Kentucky the additional numbering resources described herein should be overturned and the Pooling Administrator directed to assign AT&T Kentucky one new thousands-block (NXX-X) for the Louisville rate center in Kentucky. The Commission notes that the numbering resources considered in this Order are to be assigned for the sole use of serving AT&T Kentucky's customer, Norton Healthcare, in the Louisville rate center. If the numbering resources requested by AT&T Kentucky are not needed to meet the service requirements of its customer, the associated numbering resources approved in this Order should be returned to the Pooling Administrator and may not be utilized for

other service arrangements without first meeting the industry numbering resource guidelines.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. AT&T Kentucky's petition regarding the Pooling Administrator's denial of its application for assignment of additional numbering resources is granted.

2. The decision of the Pooling Administrator denying AT&T Kentucky's request for the assignment of one new thousands-block for the Louisville rate center in Kentucky is hereby overturned.

3. The Pooling Administrator or NANPA shall assign AT&T Kentucky one thousands-block of 1,000 consecutive numbers for the Louisville rate center.

4. The numbering resources considered in this Order are to be assigned for the sole use of AT&T Kentucky's customer, Norton Healthcare. If the numbering resources requested by AT&T Kentucky are no longer required to meet the service, the associated numbering resources approved in this Order shall be returned to the Pooling Administrator.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



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